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## 1 Introduction

With the purpose of discovering the different fields of study within the umbrella term mathematics, I came across numerical analysis which sparked my interest as it implements algorithms with the aim of solving mathematical analysis problems with continuous variables. After some further research, I discovered the Weierstrass approximation theorem, defining the key element of polynomial approximation being that '*any continuous function on a closed and bounded interval can be uniformly approximated on that interval by polynomials to any degree of accuracy.*'<sup>1</sup> Essentially, this states that a graph which consists of a single unbroken curve in a defined domain can be expressed by a polynomial function whose precision in approximating is determined by its degree. With the aim of analyzing the application of this theorem, I will consider a continuous function which I will approximate with three different polynomial approximation methods.

## 2 A few lines of calculations

The formula of a slope can be proven as follows. For the points  $A(x_1; y_1)$  and  $B(x_2; y_2)$ , that satisfy the equation, I establish:

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = mx_1 + b \\ y_2 = mx_2 + b \end{cases}$$

Thus, I can subtract one of these from the other:

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 - y_1 &= mx_1 + b - (mx_2 + b) \\ \Leftrightarrow y_2 - y_1 &= mx_1 - mx_2 \\ \Leftrightarrow m &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \end{aligned}$$

This can be rewritten to find the formula, I used, of a straight line:

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \cdot (x_1 - x_2)$$

## 3 A matrix

To continue, we transfer our values into an augmented matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The next step is to add  $(-3)$  times the first line to 7 times the second line to triangulize the matrix.

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 3 & 12 \\ 0 & -4 & -30 \end{bmatrix}$$

<sup>1</sup><https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/tagged/weierstrass-approximation>

## 4 Inserting a graph from GeoGebra

Below you can see the graphical representation of  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{15}{2}$ . As you can see in Figure 1, the line passes

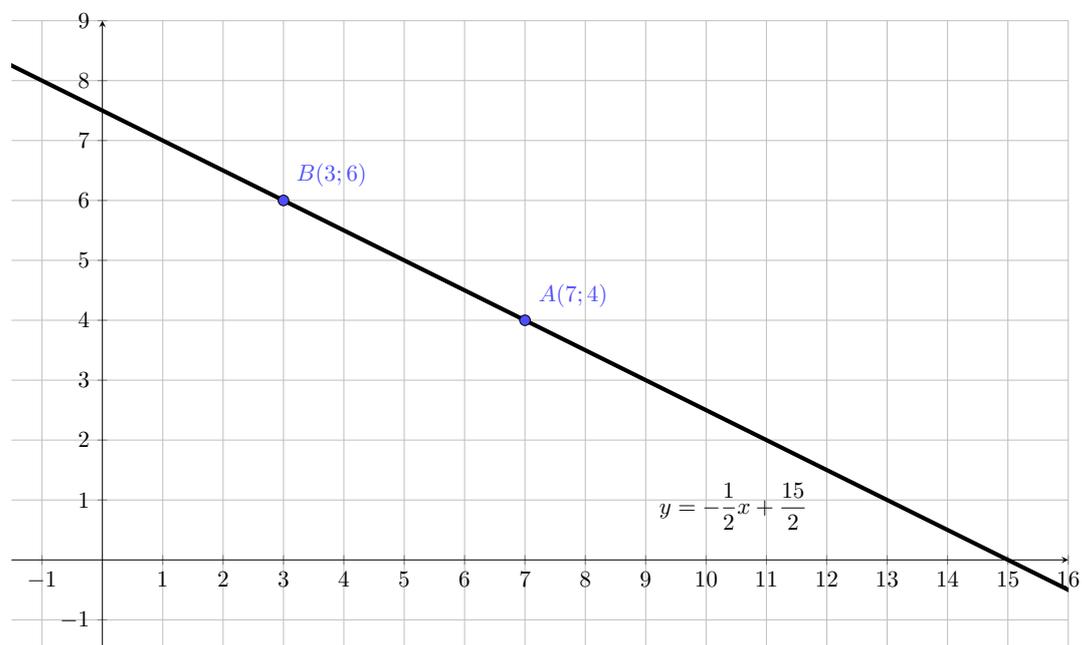


Figure 1: Linear model representing  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{15}{2}$

through the two previously chosen points;  $A(7; 4)$  and  $B(3; 6)$ , which indicates that our model is correct, that we made no mistakes in our calculations.

## 5 Creating a table

Fill in the following divisibility table.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	11	15
3 465									
4 725									

Table 1: Divisibility table

## 6 Inserting QR Codes

How to install and use the Excel add in *Excel2Latex*



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## 7 Inserting an image



Figure 2: Weisshorn, Randa, Switzerland. Author: Samuel Ferrara

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